Messrs. Wagner and Clark strongly op-

present gathering was not a representa-tive one of the sugar-beet growing indus-

try of the country, masmuch as the entire vote, including the proxies held by Mr. Oxnard, did not amount to one-half the

of the companies which he represented and of those for which he held proxies was vastly greater many times than the

output of the companies whose repre-sentatives had opposed the resolution.

The Michigan beet-sugar interests have

ot yet passed on the resolutions adopted

The best-sugar convention elected the following officers: President, Henry T. Oxnard; vice-president, F. K. Carey, Baltimore; secretary, Truman G. Palmer; treasurer, Julius Stroh, Detroit.

THEY ONLY WANT CERTAINTY.

Beet Sugar Man Argues in Favor of

Cuban Trenty.

Carey, president of the National Beet Su-

gar Company, who resides in Baltimore,

but whose place of business is at Sugar

City, Colo., made an argument before the

Senate committee on foreign relations to-

day for an amendment of the Cuban re-

ciprocity treaty that would afford a guar-

antee against any further reduction on

Cuban sugar for the next five years. He said he was satisfied he represented the

sentiment of all the beet sugar manufac-turers, except those of Michigan. They

were willing to accept the 20 per cent re-duction provided by the pending treaty, if they could be assured that there would

be no further cut for a good term of

He then urged that an amendment mak-

ing the terms of the treaty good for not less than five years and protecting the sugar industry against a reduction under

the preferential clause of the treaty be

inserted. With this gurrenty, he said, the beet sugar men would be willing that the treaty should be ratified. What they

wanted more than anything elec, he said, was settled conditions, and he believed

that a reduction of 30 per cent would be

preferable to the present uncertainty. Now, he added, they are not able to re-

alize money to improve their enterprises

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PROTESTS FROM HONOLULU SENTENCE ON ENGINEERS Civic Bodies Object to Leper Settlement and Federal Land Law.

HONOLULU, Jan. 8 .- (By Pacific Cable to the Associated Press.)—The Chamber of Commerce, the Merchants' Association and other civic bodies have cabled the chairman of the Senate insular commit-tee and the committee of the House on territories, strongly protesting against the report of the Senate committee in the matter of the Melokai National lazaretto. The action of the committee has aroused

mittee that the American land laws apply to the Hawaiian Islands is also strongly condemned and a protest against the adoption of the recommendations of the committee in this matter also has been sent to Washington.

Liens Against Castle Gould. NEW YORK, Jan. 8.-Six liens, aggregating nearly \$80,000, have been filed at Hempstead, L. L., against Castle Gould, the country seat that Howard Gould is building at Sand's Point, Port Washing-The contractors who filed the liens refuse to explain their reasons until the case is brought up in the Nassau County case is brought up in the Nassau County of leading financial interests, including court. Mr. Gould had trouble with work.

J. Pierpont Morgan & Co. and Kuhn, Loeb men last Autumn and had Deputy Sher-iffs to keep walking delegates off his

Has Made a Hit With Kaiser. WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Upon the mar-riage in New York of R. S. Reynolds Hitt, Supervising Inspector Suspends Elder's Men for Four Months.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8.-Supervising Inspector John Bermingham handed down a decision yesterday in the cases of First Assistant Engineer J. F. Sullivan and Second Assistant Engineer C. M. McKenzie, of the stemmer Geo. W. Elder, whose licenses were revoked by the local inspectors at Portland. The cases were appealed and Bermingham now decides that each shall suffer a suspension of his license for four months, dating from October 11, 1902. The inspector stated that in his opinion, the two men, along with Third Assistant Engineer Huston, entered into a conspiracy to tie up the steamer and left the steamer with that object ir view. The case of Huston has been referred back to the local inspector.

Denial and Admission. NEW YORK, Jan. 8 .- A report that a foreign underwriting syndicate has been

organized to place a large amount of American securities in the European markets was denied today by representatives & Co. It was admitted, however, that a large amount of international securities including Pennsylvania and New York Central lesues, had recently been ac-

cuired by foreign interests. riage in New York of R. S. Reynolds Hitt, second secretary at the United States Embassy in Berlin. Emperor William called to the German Empassy at Washington, instructing the charge d'affaires to say that he will be delighted to see the young couple in Berlin and to advise them to that effect. Mr. Hitt is a son that the third of Illinois.

CLEVELAND, O. Jan. 8.—Fire early this morning partially destroyed the central building of the Y. M. C. A., at the corner to the association and to merchants occurrently the properties of the association and to merchants occurrently the properties of the association and to merchants occurrently the properties of the association and to merchants occurrently the properties of the Y. M. C. A., at the corner to the properties of the properties o

Sugar Men Will Agree to Cuban Reciprocity.

PROVIDED TIME IS LIMITED

But Protest Against a Lower Philippine Tariff.

CUBAN TREATY IS NOW SAFE

Will Be Ratified by Both Nations Sugar Men Object to Encouragement of Sugar and Tobacco Growing in Philippines.

,....... procity treaty is assured by the formal withdrawal of all opposition by the beet-sugar men.

terday they took this action, but asked for an amendment limiting the term of the treaty to five years and providing against any greater reduction in duty than 20 per cent.

They adopted resolutions protesting against the encouragement of the sugar and tobacco industries of the Philippines by the 75 per cent reducthe Dingley rates provided in the bill passed by the House. The Cuban treaty will be reported

favorably to the Cuban Senate, and its

ratification by both parties seems as-

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.-The American Beet Sugar Association held its annual session here today and passed resolutions withdrawing opposition to the Cuban reciprocity bill, and recommending that the treaty be so amended as to express in

precise language what is intended to be

secured by it to the beet-sugar manu-

facturers of the United States, viz.: That, during the period of five years covered by the treaty, no sugar exported rom Cuba shall be admitted to the United States at a reduction of duty greater than 20 per cent of the rates of duty thereon as provided by the tariff act of July 24,

The association also adopted a resolution protesting against the unnecessary stimulation of the sugar and tobacco in-Pullippine Islands by means of further tariff reductions, thus, as the resolution states, encouraging the people of those islands, where the labor is but a few cents per day, to produce those things which this country can produce, rather than such commodities as we are unable to produce.

The action of the association was not unanimous, the vote on the passage of the resolution standing three to two, although Henry T. Oxnard, president of the association, said he had enough proxies with him to make the vote 13 to 2. The opponen's of the resolution claim there are 30 or more factories in the association and that the representation at the meeting does not comprise half of them. None of the 16 factories in Michigan was represented, except that Julius Stroh, of Detrolt, treasurer of the association, was

Accepts Cuban Treaty.

Following is the text of the resolutions dopted, together with the preamble accompanying them:

Whereas, A reciprocity treaty between he United States of America and the rewhereas, A reciprocity treaty between the United States of America and the republic of Cuba has been laid before the Senate of the United States by the President, who believes that the interests require its prompt ratincation; and,

Whereas, This association believes that the proposed reduction of 30 per cent will be limited in good faith for a period of five years to that amount, and will insure to the manufacturers of beet sugar in the United States a five-year period of reiter from the harmful agitation of the subject which is now harassing the industry and making its presperity and healthful growth an impossibility; and,

Whereas, The public welfare of the United States as a nation has become involved in the consideration of the proposed treaty, and, while this association remains of the opinion that a disturbance of the tariff relations between Cuba and the United States is, from many standpoints, unwarranted and unwise, it is not willing to permit the commercial interests of its members to stand in the way of the adoption of a public policy which has the approval of the Administration and leading members of Congress of both political parties;

Resolved, That the American Beet Sugar

arties; Resolved, That the American Beet Sugar Resolved, That the American Beet Sugar Association has determined to withdraw its opposition to the ratification of the said treaty; that it respectfully recommends to the Senate committee on foreign relations that the eighth article of the treaty be amended so as to express in precise language what is intended to be secured by the treaty to the beet sugar manufacturers of the United States, ammely, that during the period of five years covered by said treaty no sugar exported from the republic of Cuba shall be admitted into the United States at a reduction of duty greater than 30 per cent of the rates of duty thereon as provided by the tariff act of the United States, approved July 24, 1897.

Opposes Phillippine Tariff.

Opposes Philippine Tariff.

The following resolutions were adopted The following resolutions were adopted on the Philippine tariff bill:
Whereas, The House of Representatives of the United States has passed a measure reducing the duties on Philippine products entering the United States to 20 per cent of the duty as assessed by the act of July 24, 1897; and,
Whereas, All of the principal products of these islands, with the single exceptions of sugar and tobacco, already enjoy free cattance to the markets of the United States; and.
Whereas, The value of these articles al-

States: and.

Whereas, The value of these articles already enjoying free access to our markets comprises more than 15 per cent of the total exportations of those islands; and. Whereas, The United States now annually imports from the various countries of the world over \$160,000,000 of these duty-free products; and.

Whereas, The United States is unable to produce those articles, thus affording

lits sugar and tobacco; therefore be it Resolved. That the American Beet Sugar

Resolved. That the American Beet Sugar Association dies hereby protest against the unnecessary stimulation of the sugar and tobacco industries of the Philippines by means of further tariff reductions, thus encouraging the people of those islands, where labor is but a few cents a day, to produce those things that this country can produce, rather than those commodities that we are unable to produce; and also be it further. Resolved, That this association is unalterably opposed to the proposed introduction of Chinese labor into either the Hawaiian or the Philippine Islands.

There were five companies represented at the meeting of the association tonight, Purpose of Dingley Law in Question.

at the meeting of the association tonight, when the Cuban and Philippine resolu-tions were adopted. These were: The TARIFF-MAKER IS QUOTED

tions were adopted. These were: The American Beet Sugar Company, represented by Henry T. Oxnard; the Utah Sugar Company, J. R. Cutler; the Wisconsin Sugar Company, R. G. Wagner; the National Sugar Company, F. K. Carey, and the Les Anknes Sugar Company, J. Ross Clark.

Two Members Protest. Rates Put High to Facilitate Reciprocity.

REPUBLICANS MAKE DENIAL

sugar-beet factories in the United States. Both Mr. Wagner and Mr. Clark, after the meeting had adjourned, said that they Aldrich Opens the Ball by Citing would withdraw from further connection with the association, as it had outlived its Democratic Record on Free Conl-Tillman Pokes His Pitchfork usefulness and was dominated by a one-man power. Mr. Wagner and Mr. Clark Into the Word-Storm. both voted against the resolutions. Mr. Oxnard contended that the yearly output

> The Senate yesterday again discussed the Vost resolution, requesting the finance committee to report a bill removing the duty on anthracite coal, and Aldrich replied to some of the criticisms of Vest, delivered last Tues-

Aldrich instated that the resolution would not accomplish the result sought, and that it infringed the constitutional rights of the House in respect to revenue bills. Aldrich said that a Democratic Senate put a duty of 40 cents on coal in 1804, and that the Democrata favored free coal except upon the day when they could have voted free coal into the tariff bill.

Vest, in reply, said that the 40-cent duty on coal was the result of a "holdup" by a few Democratic Senators. To confirm his assertion that Dingley had made the statement that the Dingley rates were placed high in order to negotiate reciprocity treaties, Vest read from a letter addressed to him by the ditor of the Philadelphia Bulletin, which the writer declared that Mr. Dingley made the statement to one of his Washington correspondents.

tatement, and feelingly referred to Mr. country, and paid a high tribute to his The resolution finally went over until

the next legislative day. Neison continued his remarks against until Monday.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.-Aldrich of for five years, they could take care of themselves. The committee took no on the resolutions offered by Vest, directing the finance committee to report a bill Senator Elkins, who was one of the Senator Elkins, who was one of the leaders in opposition to the bill for a Cuban treaty last session, says he will heartily support the pending Cuban treaty. He advised that course when the matter was up last session, and he said he would support it, in a speech delivered at the time. The West Virginia Senator says that all such arrangements of a commercial character should be made by treaty, instead of by a bill, as was proremoving the duty on anthracite coal. He began by stating that the resolution would not afford the relief sought. It in-

fringed the rights of the House with respect to revenue bills. "The attempt to afford relief," said Al-

drich, "which the Senator says is de-manded through a method that would open a discussion here as to the Constitutional rights of the Senate and the Constitutional prerogntive of the House, a discussion which in its very nature would outlast the coal famine, is not a practic-

able method of securing results." The resolution, he ascerted, was simply to furnish a text for a political speech or a series of political speeches. He recited the legislation which had been enacted to relieve the people in times of distress, and said he was not entirely hopeless that some means may be found for relief

Aldrich recited the facts relating to the coal tariff, saying that in 1894, when the Democrate were in control of the Senate, the House sent the Wilson bill to the Senat; with coal free of duty. The Democratic finance committee and the Democratic Senate, with the exception of Hill, of New York, voted to put a duty of 40 cents a ton on coal, although they had the power to admit coal free of duty Turning to the Democratic side and speaking with considerable emphasis, Mr. Aldrich said:

Would Not When They Could "You have always been in favor of free coal when your opinions were of no value to the country; on the day when you could give the country free coal you deliberately and unanimously voted the other way. It, therefore, comes with ill-grace for Senators to criticize the action of the Senate in 1897, in view of the action taker

in 1894." Aldrich said the high price of fuel in the country new was not due to the pres-

Vest, replying, said Aldrich's remarks ould be read between the lines. He simply was opposed to the resolution. He said it was an open secret how the rate of 46 cents a ton was put on coal in the Wilson bill. There were five Democratic Senators opposed to the bill, who were in a position to dictate what should be placed in the bill, and that their votes were needed to pass the measure. President Cleveland, he said, had urged free coal on Congress,

"We were held up," said Vest, "to us plain vernacular, and told if we dared to put free coal in the bill, it would be de-A compromise, therefore, was effected on the basis of 40 cents a ton What does it matter how anyhody voted in 1894? Is that an answer to the poor freezing people who now demand immediate relief?"

He referred to his former statement that the rates in the Dingley bill were made so high ar to render possible the negotiation of reciprocity agreements, and said it was based on information be believed to be true. Vest had read an editorial from a Washington paper referring to a private conversation, in which Dingley was declared to have made the statement, knowing the correctness of the assertion. Hale (Me.) characterized the article as

remarkable statement. "It was never made in Mr. Dingley's lifetime," he said. Speaking of the Dingley bill, he declared it was a great, magnificent and munificient gift to the American people in the cause of protection and prosperity.

Hoar declared that such resolutions a the one under discussion were idle and futile in securing the objects sought, and contended that all legislation affecting revenue should originate in the House.

Vest Returns to the Charge. Vest explained his action in offering

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NOMINATED BY PRESIDENT AS PORTLAND POSTMASTER



FRED A. BANCROFT.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 8.-President Rocsevelt today practically settled the Portland Postoffice controversy by sending to the Senate the nomination of Fred A. Bancroft, as recommended by Senator Mitchell and Representative Tongue. The name was received too late for consideration and report by the postoffice committee, but in all probability it will be reported in time for confirmation Monday. This will give Senator Simon opportunity to interp any objection he may desire, although when asked today if he would interfere "I have nothing to say about it."

There is no doubt whatever that the nomination will be favorably reported, not-withstanding any fight Simon may put up, for he will be unable to assail the charsuccessful fight can be made. Senator Simon returned to Washington this morning.

(As announced in The Oregonian of December 24 F. A. Bancroft was yesterday appointed to succeed A. B. Croasman, the present Postmaster. Mr. Bancroft was recommended by Senator Mitchell and Representative Tongue. A petition in his behalf was sent to Washington signed by 1307 voters of this city. Mr. Bancroft was born in Licking County, Ohio, and is 52 years old. He has been an employer of men since he passed the age of 17, and he has been a resint of Portland for 29 years. He came here directly from San Francisco, where he had been in the employ of his cousin, Hubert Howe Buncroft, the historian of the Pacific States, and two years after his arrival he entered the service of the Oregon & California Railroad Company, the predecessor of the Southern Pacific in Oregon, and is now local freight agent of the line. He has always been prominent in Republican club circles, and he represented Multnoman County in the State Senate at the sessions of 1803 and 1805.

Future of Checkerboard Bill Bright.

MEANS MUCH TO OREGON

Moody Will Present Bill In the House Today.

AN EXCHANGE OF ARID LANDS

Railroad and Wagon Road Grants May Thus Be Made Into Solid Tracts-Hitchcock Gives Bill Strong ApprovaL

the House today his bill allowing railroad and wagon road companies solidify their land grants in the arid

President Roosevelt strongly advises

Utah not to elect a Mormon apostle as It is rumored that Speaker Hender-

son has promised the President his support of a trust bill on the understand ing that he will be appointed an Inthmian Canal Commissioner, but the rumor gains slight credence

The bill appropriating \$350,000 for lighthouses for Alaska has been favorably reported to the Senate. Senator Poster offers a bill increasing

the salary of the Seattle assayer from \$2500 to \$3000 a year. Speaker Henderson has declared his opposition to the omnibus hatchery

The Supervising Architect says the appropriation will be ample to finish the Salem Government building.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washogton, Jan. 8.—Representative Moody has empleted his report on the bill recently idorsed by the public lands committee, providing for the exchange of even sections for odd sections of land within the limits of railroad and wagon road land grants lying in the arid and semi-arid ections of the West, and will tomorrow submit the same to the House.

The bill, as originally introduced, applied only to railroad grants, but Mr. Moody was able to have it enlarged to apply also to lands within wagon road ants, as the latter provision will the grants to the Willamette Valley and Cascade Mountains and the Dalles military road companies in Eastern Oregon, the former grant embracing \$43,000 and the latter 473,385 acres. The other wagon road lands in Oregon will not be affected, as their grants do not lie in the arid region. In fact, wagon roads in no other state will be affected by the bill. Settlers on the Willamette Valley lands west of the mountains will not be af-

Incorporated in the report is a strong letter of indorsement from Secretary Hitchcock, who says that the checkerboard land grant system was never suited to lands in the arid region. There small holdings are practically worthless under this checkerboard system. Large tracts of arid land which are fit only for grazing are now divided in ownership and naturally much friction resulted because of trespass. It is estimated that from 25 to 30 acres of such land is needed annually to pasture a single horse or cow and in single sections such pasturage is practically valueless. The Secretary strongly urges the adoption of the pending bill as it tends to consolidate private holdings in tracts of sufficient size to give them value and at the same time increase the value of the Government

The bill is grawn to prohibit any unfair exchanges, for lands selected much be of the same arid character and the same area as tracts relinquished. Under no circumstances is an exchange compulsory, nor will it be possible to acquire timbered or mineral lands or tracts valuable for reservoir sites under the bill. No settler or claimant to public lands will be disturbed. No roaming right of lieu selection is given. All exchanges are limited to public and private lands within the limits of the grants, and lands relinquished must in every instance be in the same county as lands acquired, thereby maintaining the taxable area in each county. Strong efforts will be made to pass the bill this session.

PLACE FOR HENDERSON. Improbable Rumor of a Deal-

Wants Him Quieted. OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, W ington, Jan. 8.-A rumor which rea ufficient proportions to be printed in afternoon paper here today indicates th Speaker Henderson has promised legisl tion in the House on trusts, and that for so doing the President is to reward him by giving him a place on the Isthmian Canal Commission. The impossibility of this being true is in the fact that the President would not make any such bargain with any man.

There might be a movement to give Henderson some such position, for, although the Republicans are very much disgusted with the way he got out of the campaign last Fall, there is a certain sort of sympathy for him and a general feeling that they would like to see him "taken care of." Other "lame ducks" with little ability and less claim upon the party have been appointed to office, sim-

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